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Mr. John Kerry King
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Dear John:

I have just received the Working Paper on the Current Status of the International Law of the Sea Negotiations. It is a superb job and you and your staff are to be congratulated.

I have only a few comments in case you plan to review or revise the paper. On the question of U.S. policy on passage of straits (page 3) it would be desirable to clarify the U.S. objective regarding submerged transit and overflight.

In connection with your discussion of revenue sharing (page 10) no U.S. agency has indicated objection to revenue sharing beyond 200 miles.

The position of the European Economic Community, described on page 12, is not a "middle-ground" but is an extreme position in the negotiations.

Finally, there should be a section on compulsory dispute settlement.

Once again my thanks for an excellent job.

Sincerely,

John Norton Moore
Chairman, the NSC Interagency
Task Force on the Law of the Sea
and Deputy Special Representative
of the President for the Law of the
Sea Conference

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